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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Specification (Total Pages 44)  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive Title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claims  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
3.  Drawings(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets 8)
4.  Oath or Declaration (Total Pages 3)  
a.  Newly Executed (Original or Copy)  
b.  Copy from a Prior Application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for Continuation/Divisional with Box 17 completed) (**Note Box 5 below**)  
i.  DELETIONS OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)  
and 1.33(b).
5.  Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or  
declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the  
disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.
6.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a.  Computer Readable Copy  
b.  Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PAPERS**

8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))  
9.  a. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
 b. Power of Attorney  
10.  English Translation Document (if applicable)  
11.  a. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
 b. Copies of IDS Citations  
12.  Preliminary Amendment  
13.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)  
14.  a. Small Entity Statement(s)  
 b. Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired  
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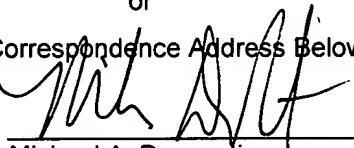
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